and (b) No, Sir, there was some delay in commissioning the circuit due to technical problems. However, this circuit could be put through on 23-8-1988.

**Mangalore Power Plant**

1950. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government had given clearance to set up a Super Multipurpose Thermal Power Plant at Mangalore in Karnataka; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) A thermal power plant (2x210 MW) is envisaged to be set up in the Central Sector at Mangalore in Karnataka with Soviet assistance.

**New Telephone directory by Bombay MTNL**

1951. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a New Telephone Directory was released by Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited Bombay recently;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that after a few days the distribution was suspended and has still not been resumed;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what action the Nigam proposes to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The distribution of Bombay Telephone Directory was started on 30-8-1988, on receipt of 80,000 directories from the contractors. Further distribution of the same had to be stopped due to non-receipt of directories from the Contractors. The further supplies by the Contractor were delayed because of non-availability of sufficient quantity of paper from the Paper Mills.

The distribution of the directories will be resumed after collecting a stock of about 2,00,000 directories.

(d) The delay in supply of directories by the Contractor has been duly noticed and action will be taken in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract.

**Mangalore Telephone Exchange**

1952. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 582 given in the Rajya Sabha on 1st August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kulur area is under the jurisdiction of Mangalore Municipal Corporation but still is served by Panambur Exchange which is of 4 digits while Mangalore Exchange is of 5 digits;

(b) what prevents the Government from having one Telephone Exchange for the city and surrounding area and how does the different local Panchayats effect the telephone system;

(c) whether there is any proposal to have a New Telephone Exchange at Mulki, near Mangalore; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir. Notification has been issued in September, 1986 to include Kulur area in Mangalore Telephone System after inclusion of Kulur Panchayat in Mangalore City Corporation. However, transfer of Telephones has not been possible due to non-availability of capacity in Mangalore Telephone Exchange. It is expected to be completed in 1989-90.

(b) The area served by an exchange is to be restricted on technical and economic

grounds. Keeping this in view, it has been decided to restrict local area of a telephole system to 5 Kms. radial distance form the exchange or upto Municipality/ Corporation boundary.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The existing manual exchange is proposed to be replaced by 500 lines electronic exchange during 1989-90.

**Bakreshwar Thermal Project**

1953. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finally decided not to pass on the 70 per cent Soviet credit to West Bengal Government for the implementation of the Bakreshwar Thermal Project, in the State sector; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) At present, government-to-government external credits are being utilized for the implementation of power projects in the Central Sector. The position was explained to the Government of West Bengal who have indicated that the Bakreshwar project would be executed by them in the State Sector.

**Bakreshwar Thermal Power project**

1954. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any difference of opinion between the Central Government and the West Bengal Government over the Bakreshwar Thermal Power Project;

(b) if so, whether the same has since been resolved; and

(c) what is Central Governent's policy for international financing of power projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) to (c) The State Governments can obtain loan assistance from multilateral funding agencies, including the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank. Bilateral, external credits are, at present, being utilized for the implementation of power projects in the Central Sector.

This position was explained to the Government of West Bengal who have indicated that the Gakreshwar thermal power project would be implemented by them in the State Sector.

**Development of Telecom service in Andhra Pradesh**

1955. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the details of the programmes pertaining to developments in Telecom services in Andhra Pradesh during the year 1987-88 and so far in the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): The details of achievements during the year